

support each other on the defensive end translated into selflessness in their offensive attack, with a different player leading all scorers on any given night. The senior anchor to these young 'Cats was Darius Miller, one of Kentucky's favorite sons and a high school Mr. Basketball from Mason County. During his freshman season, Kentucky failed to make the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 18 years. After that disappointment, Miller has been a mainstay of teams under Coach John Calipari that have gone undefeated at home for three seasons, earning two Final Fours, an Elite Eight appearance, and a National Championship. Over his career, Darius played in more games than any Kentucky player in history and was one block and thirteen rebounds from having a career stats sheet with some 1,200 points, 500 rebounds, 250 assists, 100 blocks, and 100 steals.

That Miller was the sixth man on this Kentucky squad demonstrates the explosive athleticism of Big Blue's younger stars. Leading the way was Anthony Davis who, with 186 blocks bested most entire teams in that statistic, cleaned up nearly every individual award for which he was eligible, including Freshman of the Year, SEC Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, and the Naismith and Wooden National Player of the Year awards. Though ending the season with a 62% field goal percentage, he was scoreless in the first half of the National Championship Game and yet was Most Outstanding Player for his defensive abilities and capacity to ignite the UK offense. Davis along with fellow freshman point guard Marcus Teague started in a record forty games for UK and were the distributors for an extremely quick and highly efficient offense that was a perpetual threat in transition. Leading that attack were sophomore and freshman forwards Terrence Jones and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, dangerous whether around the rim or breaking free for an open jump shot, combining for an average 24 points a game. Sophomore Doron Lamb was the team's often unsung hero and clutch shooter, averaging 37% from the three point line during his career and killing the momentum behind several opponents' would-be comebacks. I could go on-and-on celebrating these leaders and the other players who made this team championship caliber. "The Undeniables" will be regarded as one of the greatest all-around teams in college basketball history and that eighth NCAA Championship banner now hanging in Rupp Arena will forever stand as testament to their place in the hearts of the Big Blue Nation. I wish all of these players the best as they continue their careers, whether at Kentucky or at the professional level.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the boundless energy and enthusiasm of Head Coach John Calipari, who forged a timeless team out of young freshmen and sophomores. Before Coach Cal's arrival, UK basketball was lost in the woods. In a single season he made the Wildcats into a perennial championship contender once again. But more importantly, he has worked selflessly to promote the University nationally and internationally, even more closely involved the community in the basketball program, and pursued philanthropic goals both through the University as well as with his private charity. This winning environment in Lexington is a result of the seamless teamwork and support of the coaching and training staff, Athletic Director

Mitch Barnhart, and University of Kentucky President Eli Capiluto who, in his first year as president, is now one-for-one in national basketball championships.

In closing I would like to once again join the Big Blue Nation in congratulating the team, everyone affiliated with the University and UK fans around the world on a terrific season and our eighth national championship. What a banner year it has been!

RECOGNIZING PROFESSIONAL  
GOLF ASSOCIATION TOUR PRO-  
FESSIONAL BUBBA WATSON AS  
THE WINNER OF THE 2012 MAS-  
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**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Northwest Florida's Gerry Lester "Bubba" Watson, Jr. as the winner of the 2012 Masters Tournament on Sunday, April 8, 2012 at Augusta National Golf Club.

Winning a Masters Tournament, professional golf's most prestigious event, is the dream of every tour professional and aspiring amateur. This win—his fourth on the PGA tour—elevated him to the number four position in the world golf rankings, and to number two in the FedEx Cup rankings.

Bubba's humble, small-town upbringing in Bagdad, Florida included no formal golf lessons, save one provided by his father at an early age. He taught himself to play golf by hitting wiffle balls around his house with a cut-off club his father gave him.

Not an inexperienced winner, Bubba won the Divot Derby—a longstanding junior golf tournament in Pensacola, Florida—an astounding 10 years in a row. He continued golfing during his years at Milton High School, where he also excelled as pitcher on the school's baseball team. Despite his significant baseball talents, golf remained his passion. At Faulkner State Community College, he was named First Team Junior College All American. Later, after transferring to the University of Georgia, he led the Bulldogs to an SEC Championship title in 2000. He turned professional when he joined the Nationwide Tour in 2001, and later joined the PGA tour in 2006. Known for his aggressive shot-making abilities and his exceptionally long tee shots, he has quickly established himself as a favorite among golf spectators.

Bubba is not shy about sharing his Christian faith, and he possesses an unwavering commitment to family—most recently demonstrated when he and his wife, Angie, adopted a baby boy just two weeks before his win at Augusta. In addition to his commitment to family, Bubba is actively involved in a number of philanthropic activities, serving as an honorary board member and generous sponsor of The First Tee of Northwest Florida and making significant contributions to the Ronald McDonald House in Pensacola. He has also hosted free golf clinics for children, provided scholarships for Milton High School golfers, and committed to funding the Divot Derby for the next five years, ensuring that children do not need to pay the registration fee to participate in the event.

Bubba's strong character, athletic prowess, and commitment to family and community make it all the more enjoyable to call him "Masters Champion." His nail-biting win after two playoff holes on Sunday afternoon may be his first in a major tournament, but it will likely not be his last.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the citizens of Northwest Florida, I congratulate Bubba for his extraordinary victory. My wife Vicki joins me in offering our best wishes to Bubba; his wife, Angie; and their son, Caleb, for their continued success.

HONORING THE ROCK BRIDGE  
HIGH SCHOOL LADY BRUINS  
BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rock Bridge High School Lady Bruins Basketball team for winning the Class 5 Missouri State Championship on March 10, 2012.

The young women and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout their stunning season. In the championship game against Blue Springs, the Lady Bruins prevailed 52 to 41, marking the team's first title since 2008. The Lady Bruins had come to win starting with a 14 to 0 lead and then never letting their opponent come closer than five points.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Rock Bridge High School Lady Bruins for a job well done.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF  
MIKE WALLACE

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to Mike Wallace, a man whose determination and tenacity shaped investigative reporting as we know it today.

Mr. Wallace died on April 7, 2012, surrounded by family in New Caanan, Connecticut. He was 93.

Mr. Speaker, Mike Wallace was one of the original correspondents for the news program, 60 Minutes, and his reporting helped to cement the show's reputation for hard-hitting but fair journalism. He interviewed world leaders and celebrities, never shying away from difficult and often confrontational lines of questioning. Nevertheless, his impeccable research and balanced approach made him as respected as he was feared.

The list of persons interviewed by Mike Wallace over the past half century reads like a Who's Who of the leading figures of the twentieth century: reverend and activist Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; famed surrealist painter Salvador Dali; former Palestinian leader and Nobel Prize Laureate Yasser Arafat; former Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini; civil rights